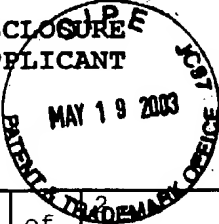


Please type a plus sign (+) inside ☐ box

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT 		Application Number	09/966,443
		Filing Date	September 26, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Keiji HIROTOMI et al
		Group Art Unit	3732
		Examiner Name	
Sheet 1 of 2	Attorney Docket Number		01538/LH

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Inits ¹	Cite No ¹	Document Number	Kind Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion
RN		5,427,464	A	NAKAGAWA	06-27-1995	
RN		5,549,404	A	KAGEYAMA et al	08-27-1996	
RN		5,873,667	A	INOUE et al	02-23-1999	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Inits ¹	Cite No ¹	Offc ³	Document Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion	T ⁶

RECEIVED
JUN 04 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Examiner Signature	Robyn Doan	Date Considered	8/10/04
--------------------	------------	-----------------	---------

¹ EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

² Unique citation designation number. ³ See kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ⁴ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁷ Place a check here if English translation is attached.

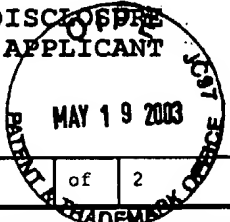
DATE MAILED: May 19, 2003

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box. →



PTO/SB/08B (08-00)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO				Application Number		09/966,443	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT 				Filing Date		September 26, 2001	
				First Named Inventor		Keiji HIROTOMI et al	
				Group Art Unit		3732	
				Examiner Name			
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number		01538/LH	
OTHER DOCUMENTS - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of article, title of item, date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published					T ²
DN		PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, Vol. 1996, No. 05, 31 May 1996 (1996-05-31) and JP 08-019421 A (SHISEIDO CO. LTD.; Others: 01, 23 January 1996 (1996-01-23) - Abstract only.					
Examiner Signature		Robyn Dozm			Date Considered		8/10/04

RECEIVED
JUN 04 2003
 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Place a check here if English translation is attached.

DATE MAILED: May 19, 2003